The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources Orange County needs going forward.

The data collected in the census will determine the number of seats California gets in the U.S. House of Representatives. It will also help decide how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is allocated for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions on the form.

The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

If you have any questions regarding the census, please visit the 2010 Census' official website at http://2010.census.gov/2010census/. You may also contact Rep. Sanchez's district office at (714) 621-0102.